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In the matter of the Application of: Hiroshi TAKEMOTO, et al.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING PARTS

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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/777,847

Applicants: Hiroshi TAKEMOTO, et al.

Filing Date: February 7, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING
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Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Request to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment

Copy of filing receipt date-stamped on December 31, 2002

Copy of PTO Cover Sheet, as filed on December 31, 2002

Copy of Request for Reconsideration as filed on December 31, 2002

Copy of Notice of Abandonment dated June 10, 2003

Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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FILED: FEBRUARY 7, 2001	: GROUP ART UNIT: 1733
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING PARTS	:

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment dated June 10, 2003, Applicants herewith request withdrawal of said abandonment for the following reasons.

An Office Action was mailed by the Examiner on November 4, 2002, with a shortened statutory response period of 3 months, to expire on February 4, 2003.

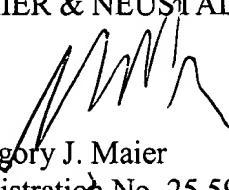
A Request for Reconsideration was filed in response to the Office Action on December 31, 2002. As evidence of said filing, Applicants submit a copy of a filing receipt duly date-stamped by the Patent Office. To expedite prosecution, Applicants also submit signed copies of the papers as filed. The undersigned declares that the attached documents are accurate copies of the papers as filed on December 31, 2002, and that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were

made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

It is believed that the above discussion and documents enclosed herewith clearly prove that a response to the Office Action was timely filed and therefore, the holding of abandonment was issued in error. Accordingly, it is requested the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that prosecution be resumed in the present application.

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Notice of Abandonment

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Examiner	Art Unit
John T. Haran	1733

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address.

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 04 November 2002.
 - (a) A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) No reply has been received.
2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) No corrected drawings have been received.
4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. The reason(s) below:


SAM CHUAN YAO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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